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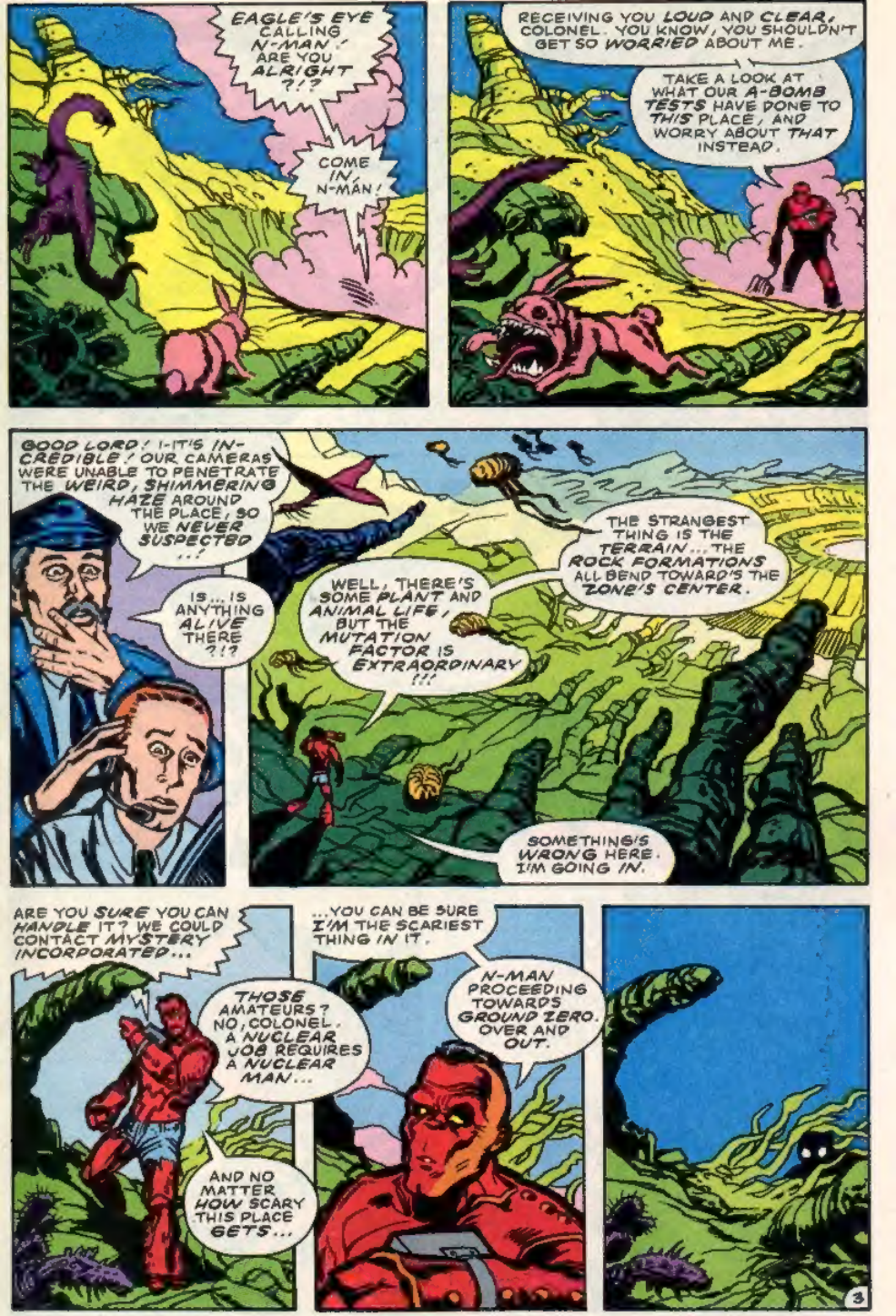
BOOK FOUR
SEE! THE UNBELIEVABLE N-MAN FACE COMRADE COCKROACH FOR A...
SEE! JOHNNY BEYOND FACE A FREAKY FEAR-FILLED FATE IN...
"SHOWDOWN IN THE SHIMMERING ZONE!"
...AND ONLY ONE SHALL SURVIVE!
FLIPSVILLE!

THE UNBELIEVABLE N-MAN FACES A
"SHOWDOWN IN THE SHIMMERING ZONE!"
EAGLE'S-EYE CALLING N-MAN! YOU'RE RIGHT ABOVE THE OUTSKIRTS OF THE ULTRA-RADIOACTIVE ZONE WE DETECTED HERE IN YUCCA FLATS!
OPEN YOUR 'CHUTE BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE!
(ARTIFICIAL COLORS..... TOWERIN' TONY TOLLIN)
RIVETING 'RITING BY AFFABLE ALAN MOORE
PULSE-POUNDING PENCILS BY STURDY STEVE BISSETTE
IRIDESCENT INKS BY JAUNTY JOHN TOTLEBEN
LILTING LETTERING BY DANDY DON SIMPSON

SORRY, EAGLE'S EYE... NO CAN DO. THE COMMIES MAY ALREADY HAVE AGENTS IN THE SHIMMERING ZONE.
OPENING MY 'CHUTE WOULD JUST TELL 'EM I WAS COMING!
WHAT?!?
HAVE YOU GONE CRAZY? --YOU'RE JEOPARDIZING THE WHOLE INVESTIGATION!!!
DR. CHAMBERS, YOUR EXPERIMENTS INTO MAKING HUMANS AS RESISTANT TO RADIATION AS BEETLES MAY HAVE MADE YOU TOUGHER, BUT THIS IS SHEER SUICIDE!!!
I DO THINGS MY WAY, COLONEL.
YOU'RE DISOBEYING DIRECT ORDERS, DANG IT!
THOSE EXPERIMENTS HAVE AFFECTED YOUR PERSONALITY, MADE YOU MORE UNCONTROLLABLE!
THEY ALSO MADE ME THE ONLY CREATURE CAPABLE OF SURVIVING DOWN HERE.
I GUESS YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO EARN TO LIVE WITH THAT, COLONEL.
OVER AND OUT.
BA-DOOM!


EAGLE'S EYE CALLING N-MAN! ARE YOU ALRIGHT ?!?
COME IN, N-MAN!
RECEIVING YOU LOUD AND CLEAR, COLONEL. YOU KNOW, YOU SHOULDN'T GET SO WORRIED ABOUT ME.
TAKE A LOOK AT WHAT OUR A-BOMB TESTS HAVE DONE TO THIS PLACE, AND WORRY ABOUT THAT INSTEAD.
GOOD LORD! I-IT'S INCREDIBLE! OUR CAMERAS WERE UNABLE TO PENETRATE THE WEIRD, SHIMMERING HAZE AROUND THE PLACE, SO WE NEVER SUSPECTED ...!
IS...IS ANYTHING ALIVE THERE ?!?
WELL, THERE'S SOME PLANT AND ANIMAL LIFE, BUT THE MUTATION FACTOR IS EXTRAORDINARY !!!
THE STRANGEST THING IS THE TERRAIN ... THE ROCK FORMATIONS ALL BEND TOWARD'S THE ZONE'S CENTER.
SOMETHING'S WRONG HERE. I'M GOING IN.
ARE YOU SURE YOU CAN HANDLE IT? WE COULD CONTACT MYSTERY INCORPORATED...
THOSE AMATEURS? NO, COLONEL. A NUCLEAR JOB REQUIRES A NUCLEAR MAN...
AND NO MATTER HOW SCARY THIS PLACE GETS...
...YOU CAN BE SURE I'M THE SCARIEST THING IN IT.
N-MAN PROCEEDING TOWARDS GROUND ZERO. OVER AND OUT.
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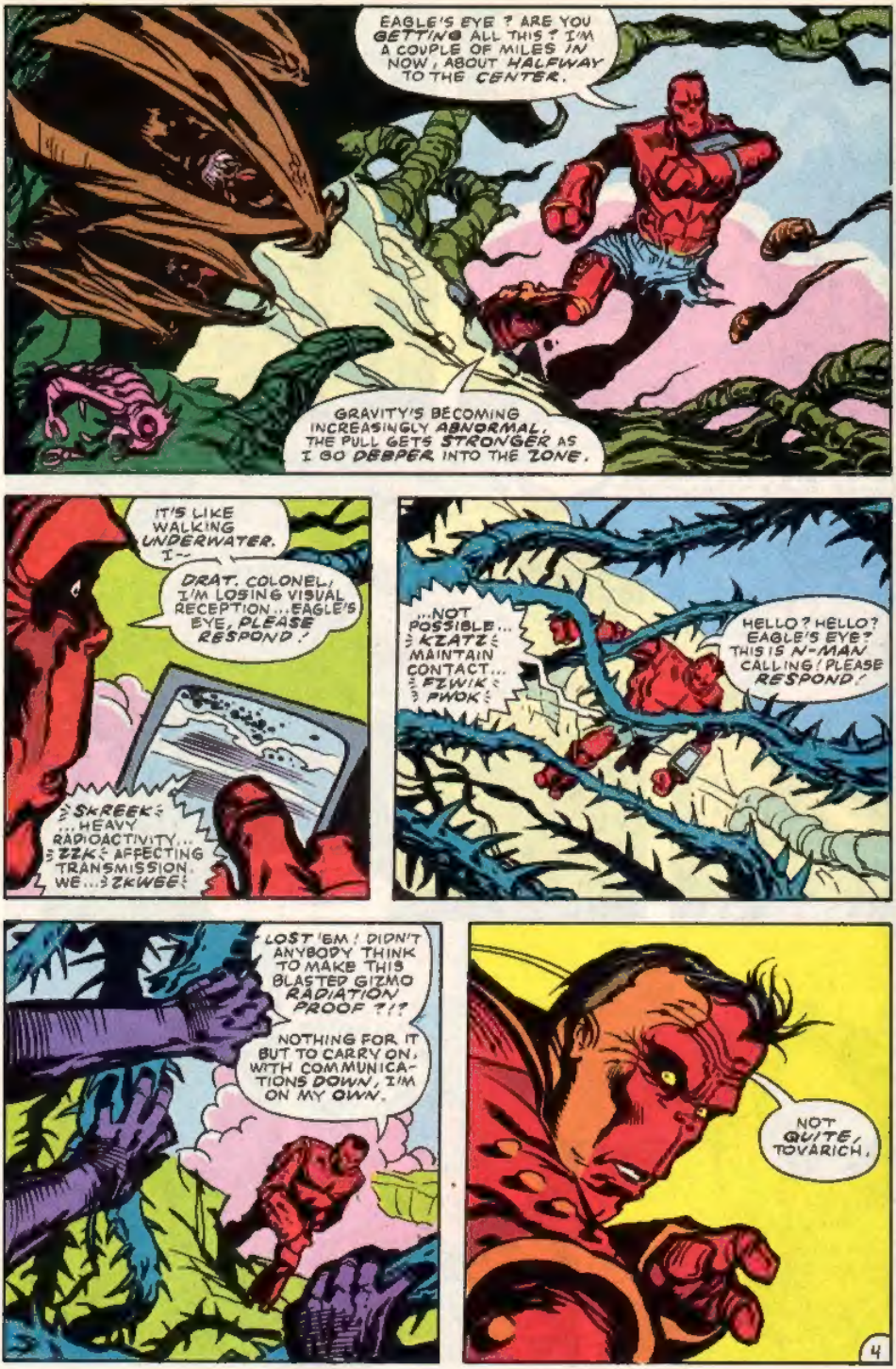
EAGLE'S EYE ? ARE YOU GETTING ALL THIS ? I'M A COUPLE OF MILES IN NOW, ABOUT HALFWAY TO THE CENTER.
GRAVITY'S BECOMING INCREASINGLY ABNORMAL. THE PULL GETS STRONGER AS I GO DEEPER INTO THE ZONE.
IT'S LIKE WALKING UNDERWATER. I--
DRAT. COLONEL, I'M LOSING VISUAL RECEPTION...EAGLE'S EYE, PLEASE RESPOND !
SKREEK ...HEAVY RADIOACTIVITY... ZZK AFFECTING TRANSMISSION WE... ZKWEE
...NOT POSSIBLE... KZATZ MAINTAIN CONTACT... FZWIK PWOK
HELLO ? HELLO ? EAGLE'S EYE ? THIS IS N-MAN CALLING ! PLEASE RESPOND !
LOST 'EM ! DIDN'T ANYBODY THINK TO MAKE THIS BLASTED GIZMO RADIATION PROOF ?!?
NOTHING FOR IT BUT TO CARRY ON, WITH COMMUNICATIONS DOWN, I'M ON MY OWN.
NOT QUITE, TOVARICH.

...NOT QUITE !!!
GAAAH!
REMEMBER ME, COMRADE? YOU BESTED ME IN THE RAGNAROK REACTOR*, BUT I HAVE BEATEN YOU TO THE SHIMMERING ZONE!
I, GRIGOR KOKAROVITCH, THE MAN WHO IMPROVED UPON YOUR TRANSFORMATION EXPERIMENTS -- DEMONSTRATING RUSSIA'S SCIENTIFIC SUPERIORITY!
*SEE TALES FROM BEYOND #110 ~ ARCHIVAL AL.
IMPROVED?!? BY STEALING MY PROCESS AND BOTCHING IT WITH CRUMMY RED TECHNOLOGY? IMPROVED?!?
WHY, YOU FOUR-ARMED FREAK! I'LL SMASH YOU LIKE THE BUG YOU ARE !!!
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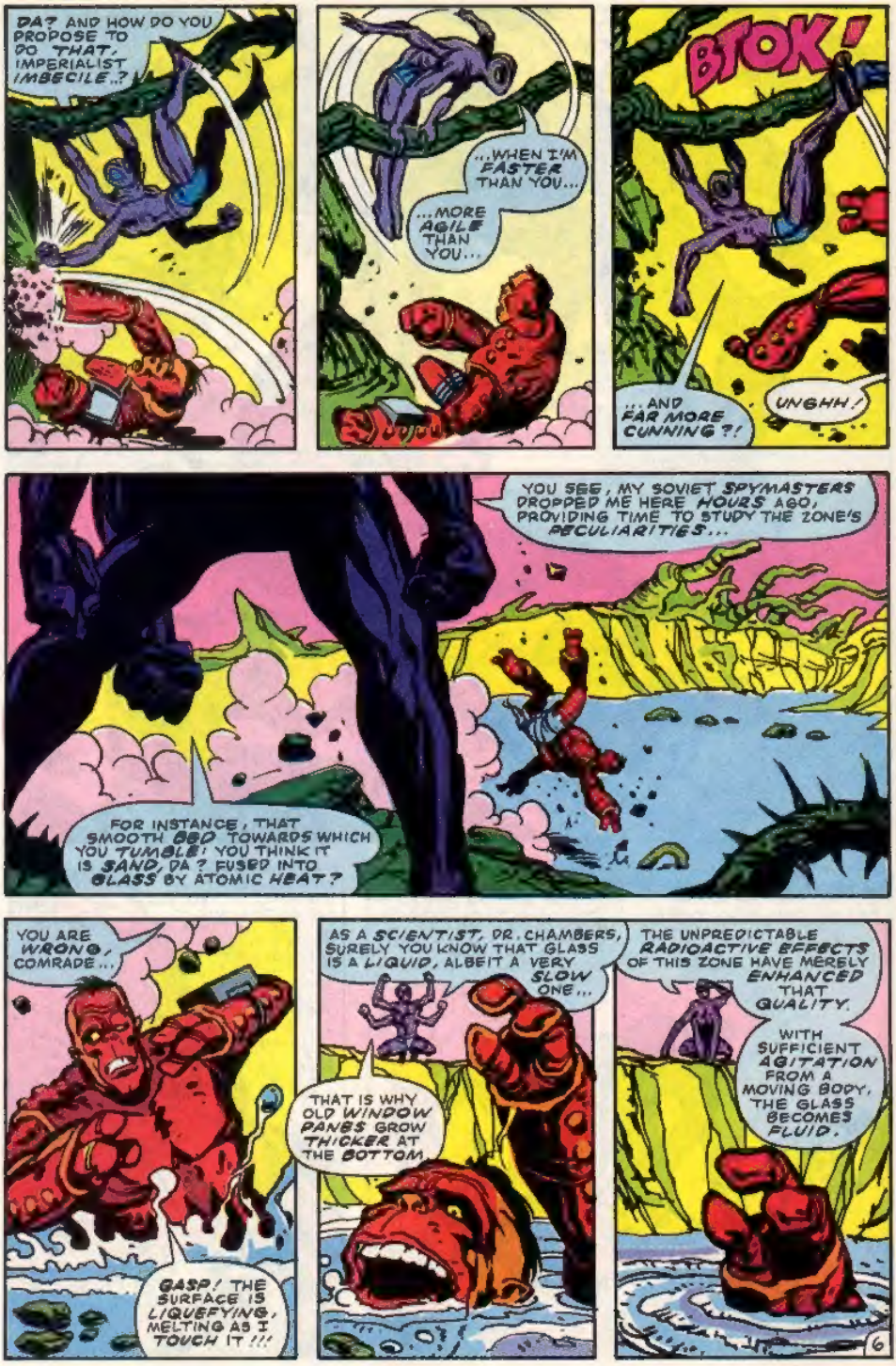
DA? AND HOW DO YOU PROPOSE TO DO THAT, IMPERIALIST IMBECILE..?
...WHEN I'M FASTER THAN YOU...
...MORE AGILE THAN YOU...
BTOK!
...AND FAR MORE CUNNING?!
UNGHH!
YOU SEE, MY SOVIET SPYMASTERS DROPPED ME HERE HOURS AGO, PROVIDING TIME TO STUDY THE ZONE'S PECULIARITIES...
FOR INSTANCE, THAT SMOOTH BED TOWARDS WHICH YOU TUMBLE! YOU THINK IT IS SAND, DA? FUSED INTO GLASS BY ATOMIC HEAT?
YOU ARE WRONG, COMRADE...
GASP! THE SURFACE IS LIQUEFYING, MELTING AS I TOUCH IT!!!
AS A SCIENTIST, DR. CHAMBERS, SURELY YOU KNOW THAT GLASS IS A LIQUID, ALBEIT A VERY SLOW ONE...
THAT IS WHY OLD WINDOW PANES GROW THICKER AT THE BOTTOM.
THE UNPREDICTABLE RADIOACTIVE EFFECTS OF THIS ZONE HAVE MERELY ENHANCED THAT QUALITY.
WITH SUFFICIENT AGITATION FROM A MOVING BODY, THE GLASS BECOMES FLUID.
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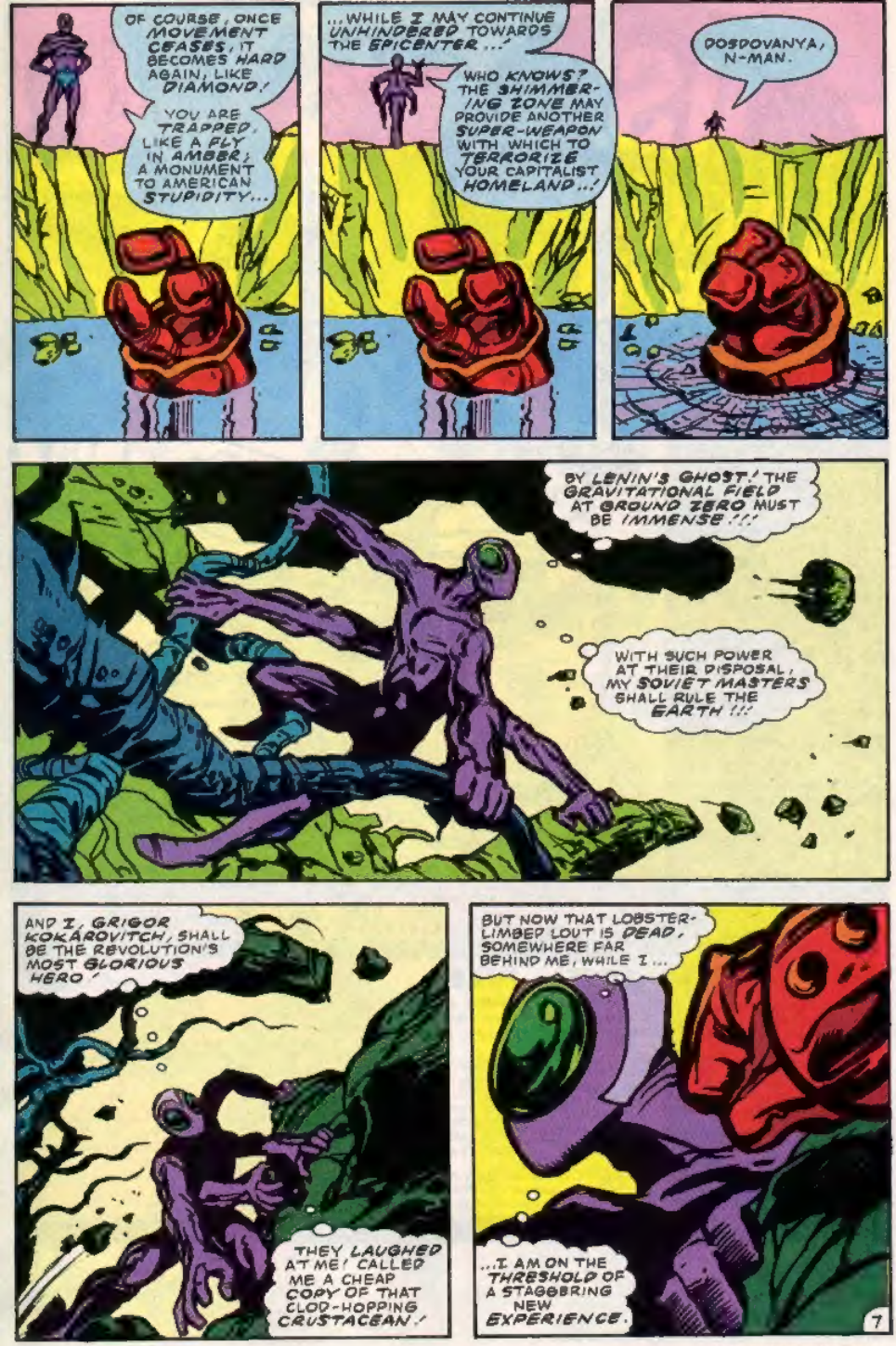
OF COURSE, ONCE MOVEMENT CEASES, IT BECOMES HARD AGAIN, LIKE DIAMOND!
YOU ARE TRAPPED, LIKE A FLY IN AMBER; A MONUMENT TO AMERICAN STUPIDITY...
...WHILE I MAY CONTINUE UNHINDERED TOWARDS THE EPICENTER...'
WHO KNOWS? THE SHIMMERING ZONE MAY PROVIDE ANOTHER SUPER-WEAPON WITH WHICH TO TERRORIZE YOUR CAPITALIST HOMELAND...!
DOSDOVANYA, N-MAN.
BY LENIN'S GHOST! THE GRAVITATIONAL FIELD AT GROUND ZERO MUST BE IMMENSE!!!
WITH SUCH POWER AT THEIR DISPOSAL, MY SOVIET MASTERS SHALL RULE THE EARTH!!!
AND I, GRIGOR KOKAROVITCH, SHALL BE THE REVOLUTION'S MOST GLORIOUS HERO!
THEY LAUGHED AT ME! CALLED ME A CHEAP COPY OF THAT CLOD-HOPPING CRUSTACEAN!
BUT NOW THAT LOBSTER-LIMBED LOUT IS DEAD, SOMEWHERE FAR BEHIND ME, WHILE I...
...I AM ON THE THRESHOLD OF A STAGGERING NEW EXPERIENCE.
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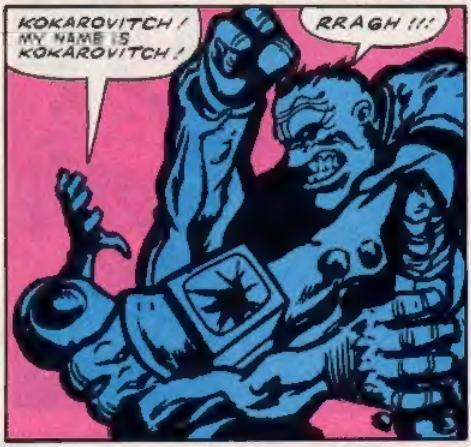
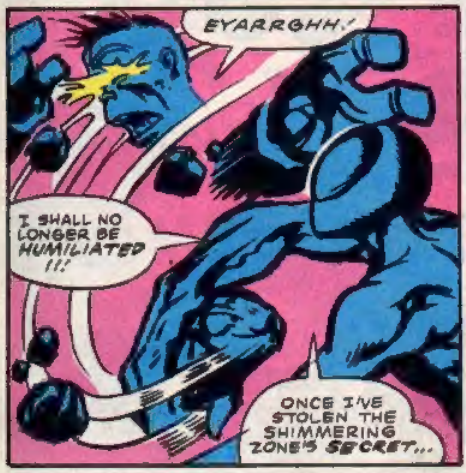
NO! NO, IT CANNOT BE!!!
YOU ARE DEAD!
NOTHING COULD BATTLE IT'S WAY FREE OF THAT CRYSTAL TOMB! -- NOTHING!
THRUDD!
THAT'S RIGHT! NOTHING..!

...'CEPT MAYBE THE BEST DURN YANKEE BIO-ENGINEERING ON THE FACE OF THE PLANET!
NOW SAY GOODNIGHT, COMRADE COCKROACH !!!


KOKAROVITCH! MY NAME IS KOKAROVITCH!
RRAGH !!!


EYARRGHH!
I SHALL NO LONGER BE HUMILIATED !!!
ONCE I'VE STOLEN THE SHIMMERING ZONE'S SECRET...

BOTH YOU AND YOUR BELOVED UNITED STATES WILL BE AS DUST BENEATH MY FEET!
YOU FOOL! COME BACK!
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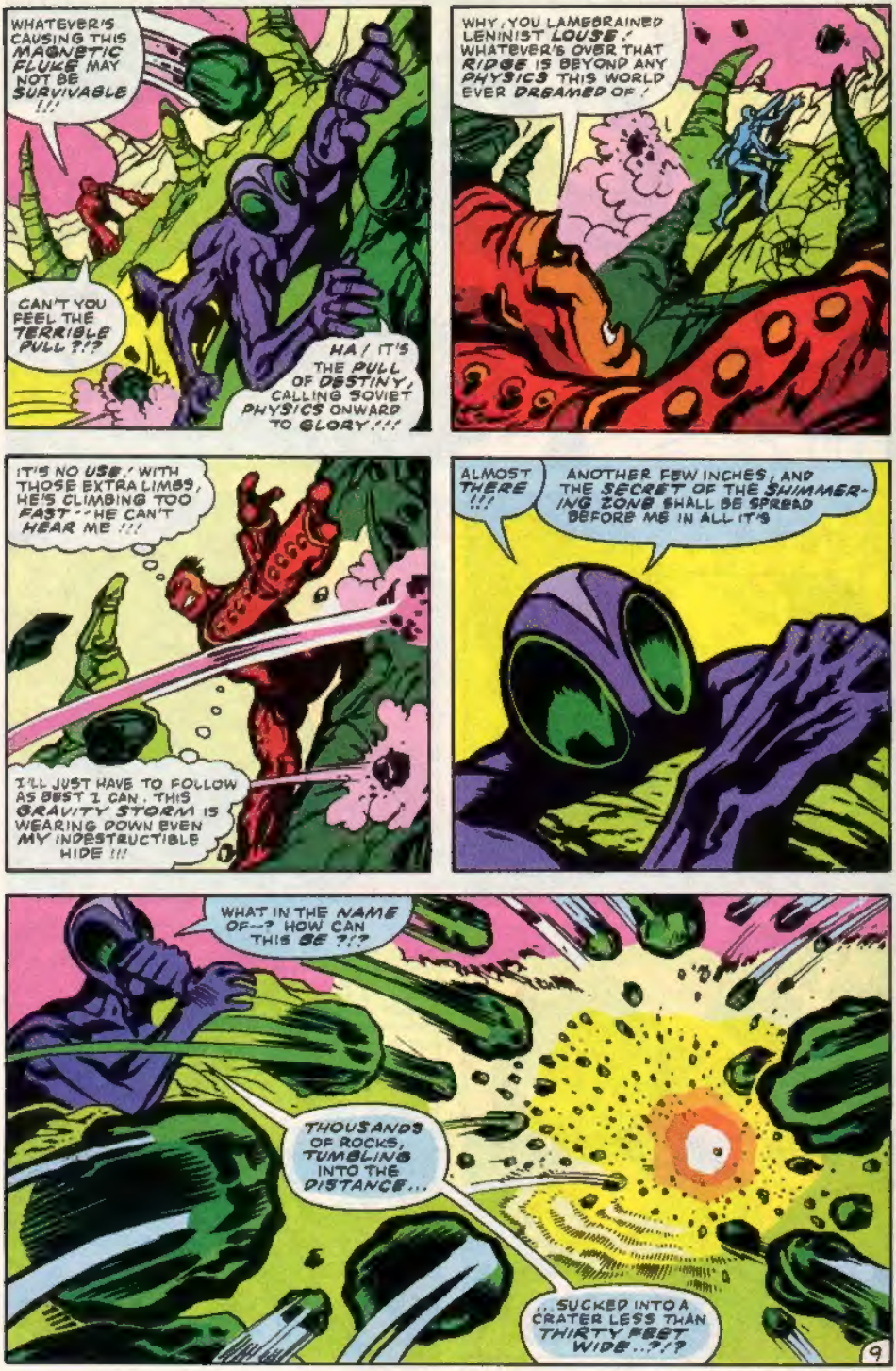
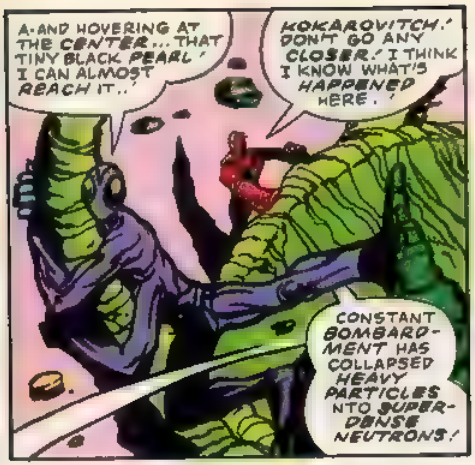
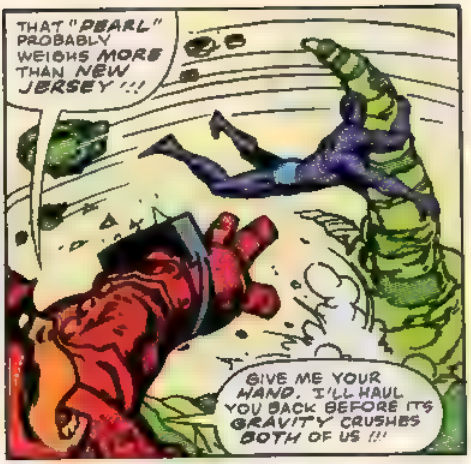
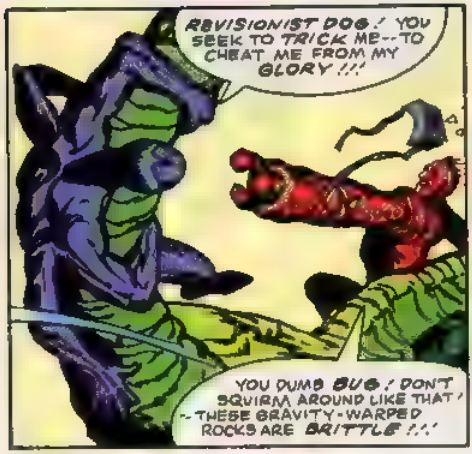

WHATEVER'S CAUSING THIS MAGNETIC FLUKE MAY NOT BE SURVIVABLE !!!
CAN'T YOU FEEL THE TERRIBLE PULL ?!?
HA ! IT'S THE PULL OF DESTINY, CALLING SOVIET PHYSICS ONWARD TO GLORY !!!
WHY, YOU LAMEBRAINED LENINIST LOUSE ! WHATEVER'S OVER THAT RIDGE IS BEYOND ANY PHYSICS THIS WORLD EVER DREAMED OF !
IT'S NO USE ! WITH THOSE EXTRA LIMBS, HE'S CLIMBING TOO FAST -- HE CAN'T HEAR ME !!!
I'LL JUST HAVE TO FOLLOW AS BEST I CAN. THIS GRAVITY STORM IS WEARING DOWN EVEN MY INDESTRUCTIBLE HIDE !!!
ALMOST THERE !!!
ANOTHER FEW INCHES, AND THE SECRET OF THE SHIMMERING ZONE SHALL BE SPREAD BEFORE ME IN ALL IT'S
WHAT IN THE NAME OF--? HOW CAN THIS BE ?!?
THOUSANDS OF ROCKS, TUMBLING INTO THE DISTANCE...
...SUCKED INTO A CRATER LESS THAN THIRTY FEET WIDE...?!?

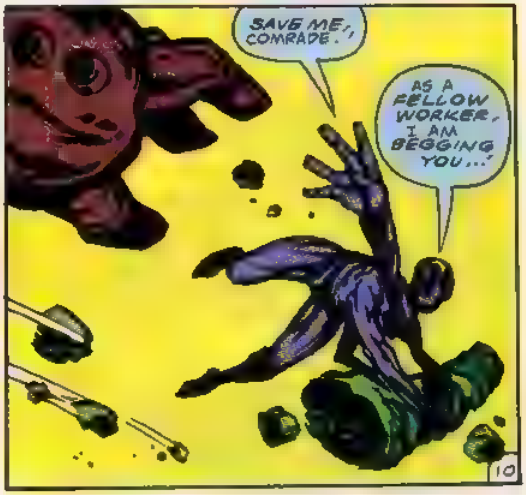

A-AND HOVERING AT THE CENTER... THAT TINY BLACK PEARL! I CAN ALMOST REACH IT..!
KOKAROVITCH! DON'T GO ANY CLOSER! I THINK I KNOW WHAT'S HAPPENED HERE!
CONSTANT BOMBARDMENT HAS COLLAPSED HEAVY PARTICLES INTO SUPER-DENSE NEUTRONS!

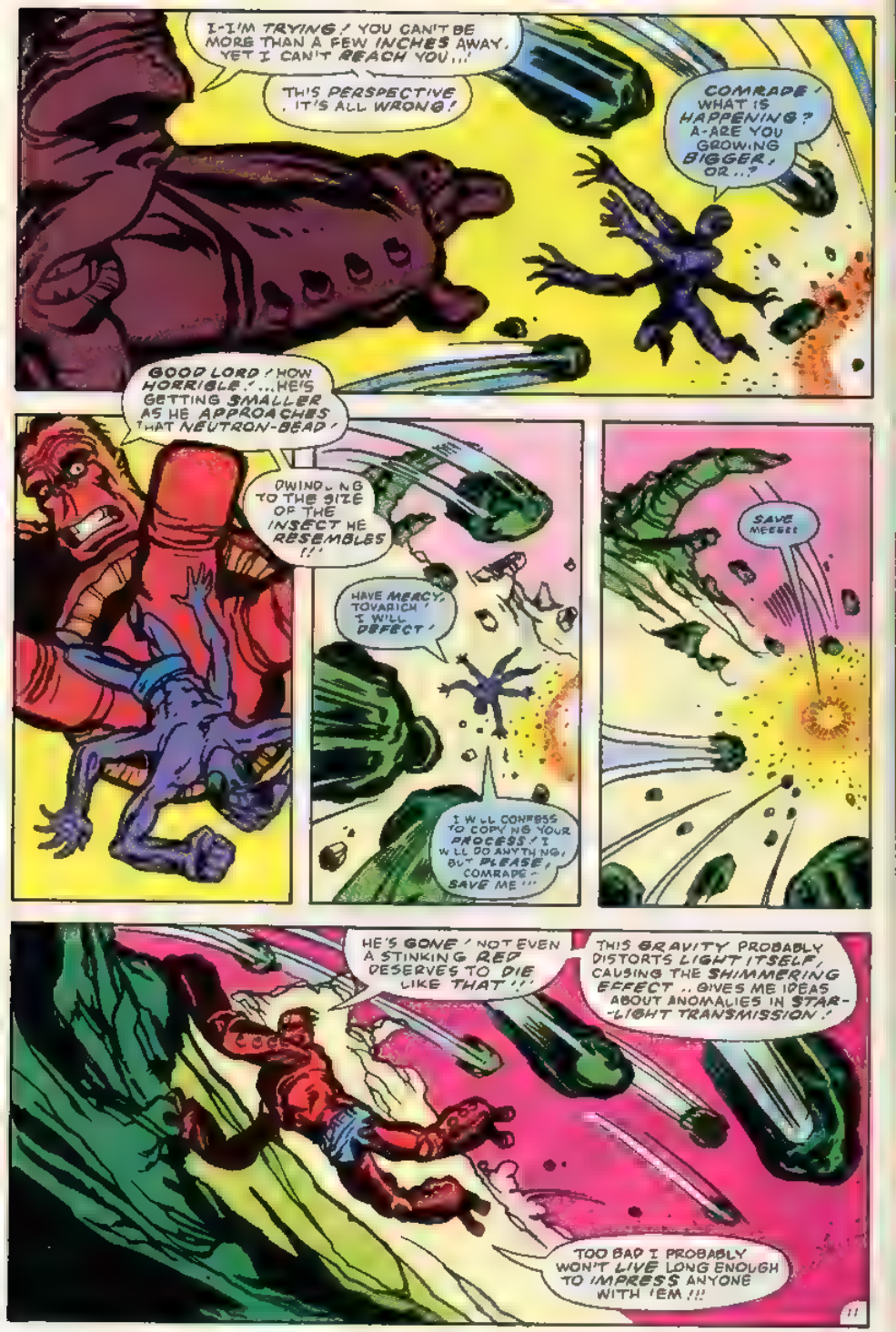

THAT "PEARL" PROBABLY WEIGHS MORE THAN NEW JERSEY!!!
GIVE ME YOUR HAND. I'LL HAUL YOU BACK BEFORE ITS GRAVITY CRUSHES BOTH OF US!!!

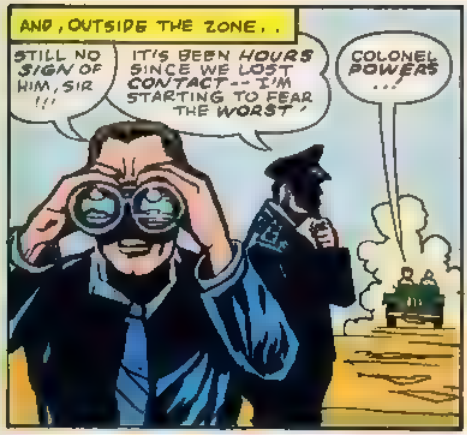

REVISIONIST DOG! YOU SEEK TO TRICK ME--TO CHEAT ME FROM MY GLORY!!!
YOU DUMB BUG! DON'T SQUIRM AROUND LIKE THAT! --THESE GRAVITY-WARPED ROCKS ARE BRITTLE!!!

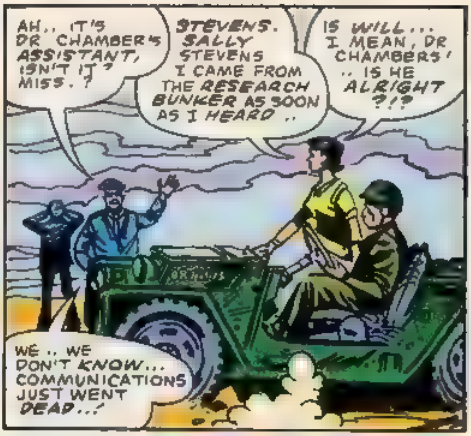
ANY SUDDEN MOVEMENT OR RECOIL COULD SNAP THEM CLEAN IN
UNNGHH!

YOU FOOL! I WARNED YOU!!!
NO GOOD... STILL GROGGY FROM THAT BLOW... CAN'T REACH HIM IN TIME...!
ARRRGH! NOOO!!!


SAVE ME, COMRADE!
AS A FELLOW WORKER, I AM BEGGING YOU...!

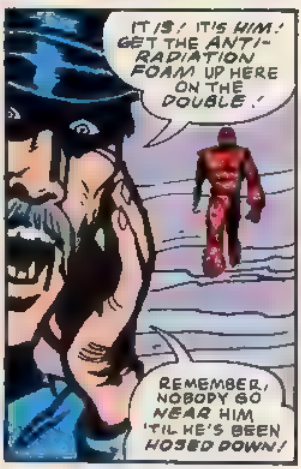

I-I'M TRYING! YOU CAN'T BE MORE THAN A FEW INCHES AWAY, YET I CAN'T REACH YOU...!
THIS PERSPECTIVE . IT'S ALL WRONG!
COMRADE! WHAT IS HAPPENING? A-ARE YOU GROWING BIGGER, OR..?
GOOD LORD! HOW HORRIBLE!...HE'S GETTING SMALLER AS HE APPROACHES THAT NEUTRON-BEAD!
OWING TO THE SIZE OF THE INSECT HE RESEMBLES!!
HAVE MERCY, TOVARICH! I WILL DEFECT!
I WILL CONFESS TO COPYING YOUR PROCESS! I WILL DO ANYTHING, BUT PLEASE, COMRADE - SAVE ME!!!
SAVE MEEEE!
HE'S GONE! NOT EVEN A STINKING RED DESERVES TO DIE LIKE THAT!!
THIS GRAVITY PROBABLY DISTORTS LIGHT ITSELF, CAUSING THE SHIMMERING EFFECT.. GIVES ME IDEAS ABOUT ANOMALIES IN STAR-LIGHT TRANSMISSION!
TOO BAD I PROBABLY WON'T LIVE LONG ENOUGH TO IMPRESS ANYONE WITH 'EM!!!

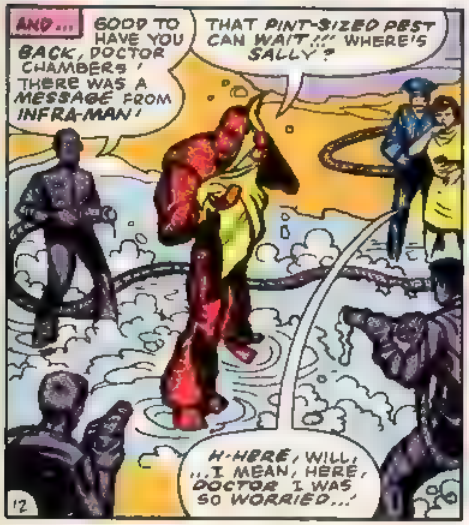

AND, OUTSIDE THE ZONE..
STILL NO SIGN OF HIM, SIR !!!
IT'S BEEN HOURS SINCE WE LOST CONTACT -- I'M STARTING TO FEAR THE WORST'
COLONEL POWERS ...


AH.. IT'S DR CHAMBER'S ASSISTANT, ISN'T IT? MISS..?
STEVENS. SALLY STEVENS I CAME FROM THE RESEARCH BUNKER AS SOON AS I HEARD ..
IS WILL... I MEAN, DR CHAMBERS' .. IS HE ALRIGHT ?!?
WE .. WE DON'T KNOW... COMMUNICATIONS JUST WENT DEAD..!

OH, NO.' I'VE ALWAYS FEARED THE RECKLESS, N-MAN SIDE OF HIS PERSONALITY WOULD DESTROY HIM, AND NOW.
SIR ! LOOK !

WHAT IS IT, CORPORAL ?!?
THERE, SIR ! COMING THROUGH THE HAZE.'
IT'S TOO BIG TO BE HUMAN, BUT I CAN'T SEE IF IT'S..


IT IS ! IT'S HIM.' GET THE ANTI-RADIATION FOAM UP HERE ON THE DOUBLE.'
REMEMBER, NOBODY GO NEAR HIM 'TIL HE'S BEEN HOSED DOWN!


AND...
GOOD TO HAVE YOU BACK, DOCTOR CHAMBERS ! THERE WAS A MESSAGE FROM INFRA-MAN!
THAT PINT-SIZED PEST CAN WAIT!!! WHERE'S SALLY?
H-HERE, WILL, ..I MEAN, HERE, DOCTOR I WAS SO WORRIED...'
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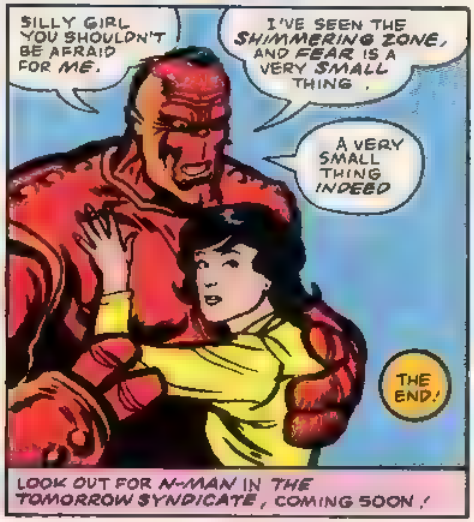

SILLY GIRL YOU SHOULDN'T BE AFRAID FOR ME.
I'VE SEEN THE SHIMMERING ZONE, AND FEAR IS A VERY SMALL THING.
A VERY SMALL THING INDEED
THE END.
LOOK OUT FOR N-MAN IN THE TOMORROW SYNDICATE, COMING SOON!

JOHNNY BEYOND
LIKE, AM I GOING CRAZY
OR HAS MY WHOLE PAD FINALLY FLIPPED??
WATCH OUT, WAYFARERS, AS OUR WIGGED-OUT WARLOCK WORKS HIS WORRISOME WAY THROUGH THE WEIRD AND WONDERFUL WORLD OF
FLIPSVILLE!

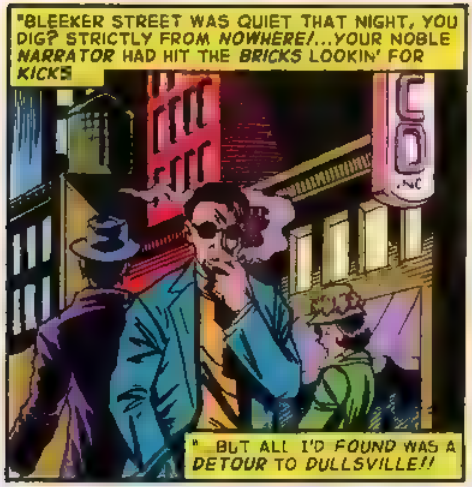
SHADE-SPORTIN' SCRIPT BY *AFFABLE AL MOORE*

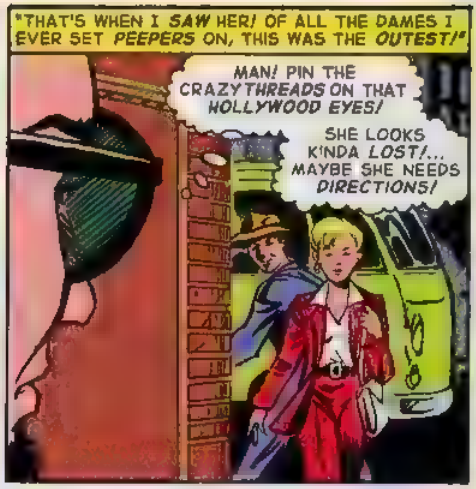
FINGER-[illegible]IN' PENCILS BY *JIVIN' JIMMY VALENTINO*

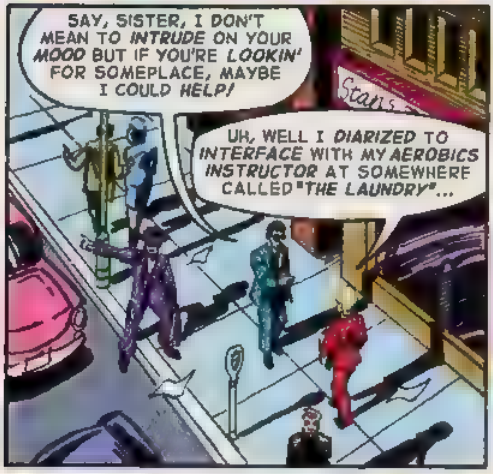
ESPRESSO-IMBIBING INKS BY *STURDY STEVE BISSETTE*

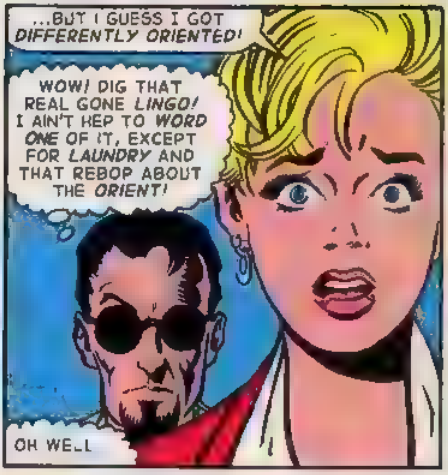
COOL-CAT CALLIGRAPHY BY *ROCKIN' ROXANNE STARR*

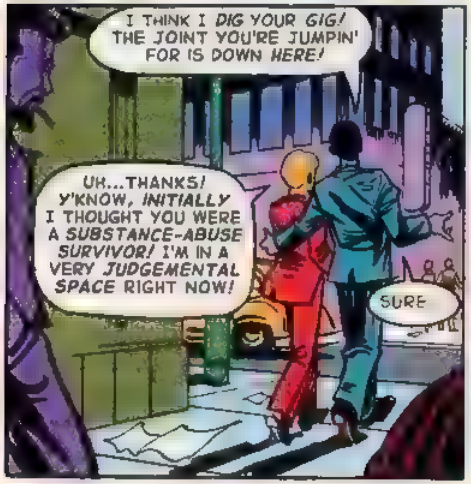
CUBESVILLE COLORING BY TOWERIN' TONY TOLLIN


"BLEEKER STREET WAS QUIET THAT NIGHT, YOU DIG? STRICTLY FROM NOWHERE!...YOUR NOBLE NARRATOR HAD HIT THE BRICKS LOOKIN' FOR KICKS
" BUT ALL I'D FOUND WAS A DETOUR TO DULLSVILLE!!


"THAT'S WHEN I SAW HER! OF ALL THE DAMES I EVER SET PEEPERS ON, THIS WAS THE OUTEST!"
MAN! PIN THE CRAZY THREADS ON THAT HOLLYWOOD EYES!
SHE LOOKS KINDA LOST!... MAYBE SHE NEEDS DIRECTIONS!


SAY, SISTER, I DON'T MEAN TO INTRUDE ON YOUR MOOD BUT IF YOU'RE LOOKIN' FOR SOMEPLACE, MAYBE I COULD HELP!
UH, WELL I DIARIZED TO INTERFACE WITH MY AEROBICS INSTRUCTOR AT SOMEWHERE CALLED "THE LAUNDRY"...


...BUT I GUESS I GOT DIFFERENTLY ORIENTED!
WOW! DIG THAT REAL GONE LINGO! I AIN'T HEP TO WORD ONE OF IT, EXCEPT FOR LAUNDRY AND THAT REBOP ABOUT THE ORIENT!
OH WELL


I THINK I DIG YOUR GIG! THE JOINT YOU'RE JUMPIN' FOR IS DOWN HERE!
UH...THANKS! Y'KNOW, INITIALLY I THOUGHT YOU WERE A SUBSTANCE-ABUSE SURVIVOR! I'M IN A VERY JUDGEMENTAL SPACE RIGHT NOW!
SURE

"BUT..."
HUH? WAIT A MINUTE! YOU MEAN THIS IS THE PLACE? BUT.. BUT THIS IS A LAUNDRY!
SURE! WANG'S ORIENTAL LAUNDRY, JUST LIKE YOU WAS WAILIN' FOR!
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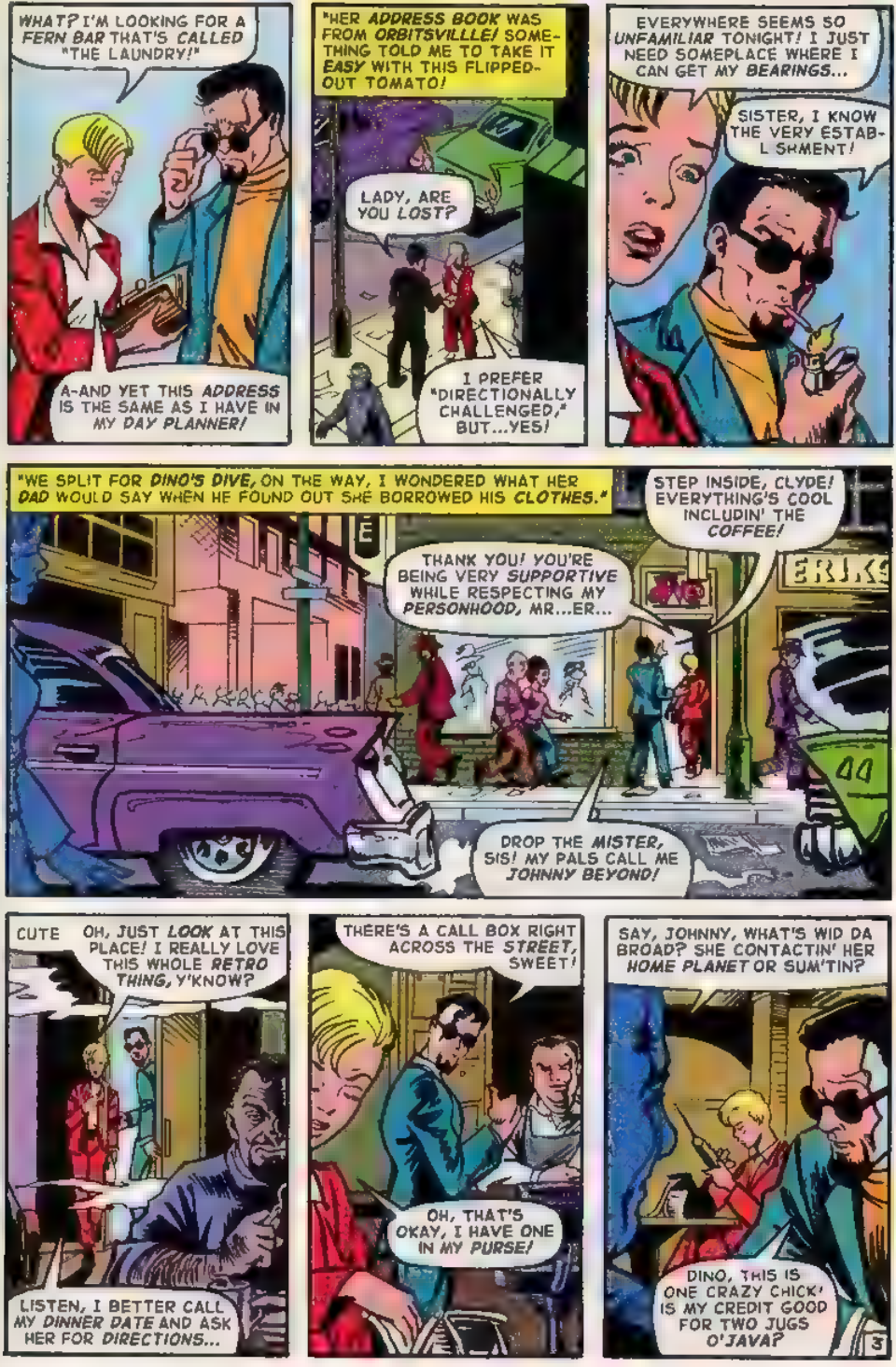
WHAT? I'M LOOKING FOR A FERN BAR THAT'S CALLED "THE LAUNDRY!"
A-AND YET THIS ADDRESS IS THE SAME AS I HAVE IN MY DAY PLANNER!
"HER ADDRESS BOOK WAS FROM ORBITSVILLLE! SOMETHING TOLD ME TO TAKE IT EASY WITH THIS FLIPPED-OUT TOMATO!
LADY, ARE YOU LOST?
I PREFER "DIRECTIONALLY CHALLENGED," BUT...YES!
EVERYWHERE SEEMS SO UNFAMILIAR TONIGHT! I JUST NEED SOMEPLACE WHERE I CAN GET MY BEARINGS...
SISTER, I KNOW THE VERY ESTABL SHMENT!
"WE SPLIT FOR DINO'S DIVE, ON THE WAY, I WONDERED WHAT HER DAD WOULD SAY WHEN HE FOUND OUT SHE BORROWED HIS CLOTHES."
THANK YOU! YOU'RE BEING VERY SUPPORTIVE WHILE RESPECTING MY PERSONHOOD, MR...ER...
STEP INSIDE, CLYDE! EVERYTHING'S COOL INCLUDIN' THE COFFEE!
DROP THE MISTER, SIS! MY PALS CALL ME JOHNNY BEYOND!
CUTE
OH, JUST LOOK AT THIS PLACE! I REALLY LOVE THIS WHOLE RETRO THING, Y'KNOW?
LISTEN, I BETTER CALL MY DINNER DATE AND ASK HER FOR DIRECTIONS...
THERE'S A CALL BOX RIGHT ACROSS THE STREET, SWEET!
OH, THAT'S OKAY, I HAVE ONE IN MY PURSE!
SAY, JOHNNY, WHAT'S WID DA BROAD? SHE CONTACTIN' HER HOME PLANET OR SUM'TIN?
DINO, THIS IS ONE CRAZY CHICK! IS MY CREDIT GOOD FOR TWO JUGS O'JAVA?
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AMERICA! TELEPHONE FETUS INDIFFERENCE! AMERICA! NEON LOBSTER IN THE SUPER-MARKETS OF NIGHT...
ALL I'M GETTING IS WHITE NOISE! THIS MUST BE A POOR RECEPTION ZONE!
UH HUH
SAY, I GOT YOU COFFEE...
WELL, IN THAT CASE DO THEY TAKE MASTERCARD HERE? BECAUSE I AM DEFINITELY PAYING! YOU MEN! IT'S LIKE YOU NEVER HEARD OF FEMINISM!
HEY, I'M HEP! THAT'S SOME NEW PAINTIN' STYLE, RIGHT?
OH, I SEE! WE'RE TAKING AN IRONIC, POST-FEMINIST STANCE, ARE WE?
SISTER, I DON'T PIN NO IRON POSTS OR FEMINIST DANCES, BUT DIG THIS CRAZY SQUEEZE-BOX!!
"SHE SIPPED HER COFFEE GIVIN' ME THE SILENT TREATMENT! ONE CARD IN HER WALLET HAD THIS PICTURE OF A BIRD ON, LIKE 3-D WITHOUT THE GLASSES!"
"I WAS ABOUT TO ASK HER IF THE CAT WHO'D PIERCED HER EARS WAS HEP THAT SHE HAD MORE THAN ONE, WHEN SUDDENLY..."
OOHHHHHH!
OH, THIS COFFEE! I FEEL TERRIBLE!
COOL IT, MOMMA, ELSE EVERYBODY'S GONNA THINK YOU'RE A SQUARE AND THAT I'M SOME KINDA HUB-CAP!
SQUARE? HUBCAP? WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? I HAVE TO GET OUT OF HERE! I NEED AIR!
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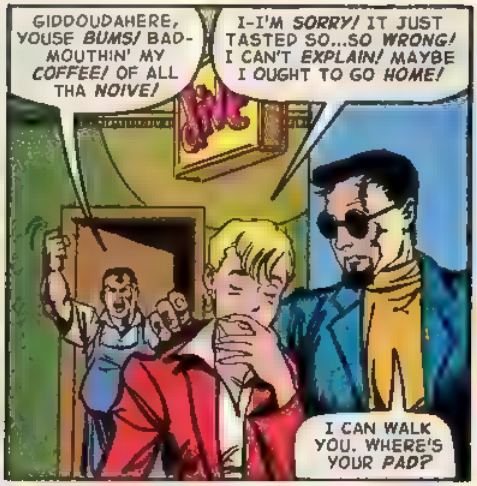
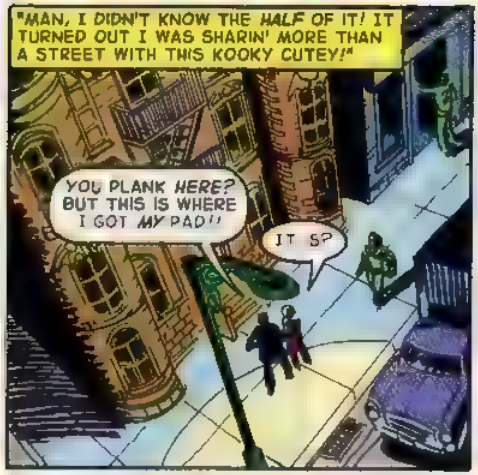

GIDDOUDAHERE, YOUSE BUMS! BAD-MOUTHIN' MY COFFEE! OF ALL THA NOIVE!
I-I'M SORRY! IT JUST TASTED SO...SO WRONG! I CAN'T EXPLAIN! MAYBE I OUGHT TO GO HOME!
I CAN WALK YOU. WHERE'S YOUR PAD?

MY APARTMENT'S NEXT-DOOR TO MY BOYFRIEND. YOU REMIND ME OF HIM, SORTA! WE'RE ON CHARLES STREET, BUT IF IT'S OUT OF YOUR WAY...
OUT OF MY WAY? I LIVE ON CHARLES STREET, TOO! IT'S KARMA, BABY!


"MAN, I DIDN'T KNOW THE HALF OF IT! IT TURNED OUT I WAS SHARIN' MORE THAN A STREET WITH THIS KOOKY CUTEY!"
YOU PLANK HERE? BUT THIS IS WHERE I GOT MY PAD!!
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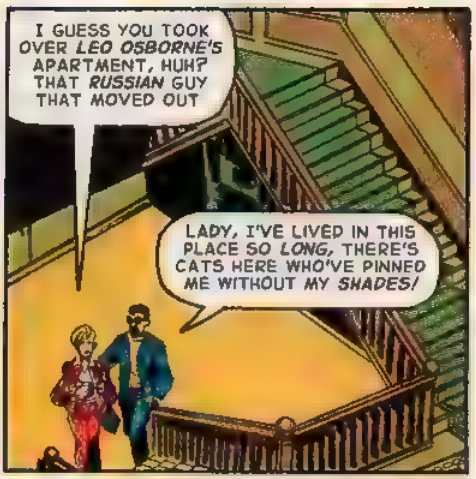
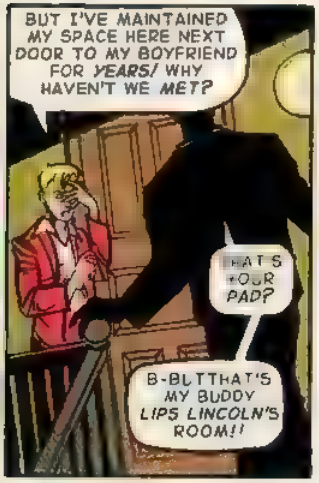
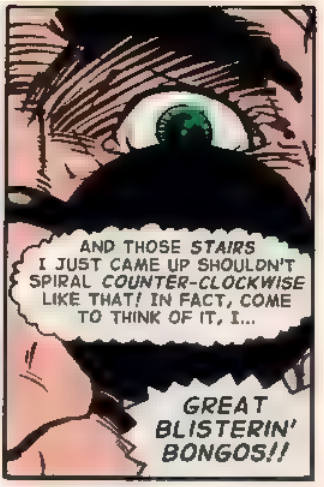

I GUESS YOU TOOK OVER LEO OSBORNE'S APARTMENT, HUH? THAT RUSSIAN GUY THAT MOVED OUT
LADY, I'VE LIVED IN THIS PLACE SO LONG, THERE'S CATS HERE WHO'VE PINNED ME WITHOUT MY SHADES!


BUT I'VE MAINTAINED MY SPACE HERE NEXT DOOR TO MY BOYFRIEND FOR YEARS! WHY HAVEN'T WE MET?
THAT'S YOUR PAD?
B-BUTTHAT'S MY BUDDY LIPS LINCOLN'S ROOM!!

DON'T BE RIDICULOUS! MY KEY'S RIGHT HERE!
I KNOW THIS IS LIPS' PAD, BUT SOMETHIN'S SCREWY! LIKE, SHOULDN'T THIS DOOR HAVE HINGES ON THE LEFT?


AND THOSE STAIRS I JUST CAME UP SHOULDN'T SPIRAL COUNTER-CLOCKWISE LIKE THAT! IN FACT, COME TO THINK OF IT, I...
GREAT BLISTERIN' BONGOS!!

WHAT'S SHAKIN' HERE? EITHER LIPS WON THE SWEEPSTAKES AND HIRED CAPTAIN VIDEO TO DO HIS DECORATIN' OR THIS AIN'T HIS PAD!!
YOU LIKE IT? WELL, MAKE YOURSELF COMFORTABLE AND I'LL FIX US SOME REAL COFFEE!
CHECK THE CRAZY PLASTIC COVERS ON THESE BOOKS! THEY'RE...
WAIT! RIO GRANDE'S A MOVIE! HOW IN HECK DO YOU FIT A MOVIE IN A BOOK?
AND WHAT'S THIS? FROM THE MONIKERS ON THESE WAY-OUT CIGARETTE CASES I'D SWEAR THEY HAD MUSIC IN 'EM!
WELL, I DON'T PIN NO PLATTERS...
...BUT DIG THESE CRAZY COASTERS!!
HONEY? I HEARD YOU COME IN! IS EVERYTHING OKAY?
ONLY I THOUGHT YOU WERE MEETING ANGELA TONIGHT...
OH, IT'S SO SILLY! I GOT LOST AND COULDN'T FIND HER! THIS GENTLEMAN HERE BROUGHT ME HOME...
IN FACT I'D LIKE YOU TO MEET HIM! JOHNNY BEYOND, THIS IS MY SIGNIFICANT OTHER, JOHN BEHAN!
B-BUT, YOU'RE ME!

WAIT! I DON'T UNDERSTAND! WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
SISTER, I'M CUTTIN' OUT OF THIS KOOKY CRIB BEFORE MY WIG IS PERMANENTLY JIGGED!
B-BUT IT'S SILLY! YOU CAN'T BOTH BE THE SAME PERSON! YOU HAVE DIFFERENT NAMES...
IXNAY! THE CATS CALL ME BEYOND, BUT I'M STILL MA BEHAN'S LITTLE BOY !
YOU MEAN YOUR REAL NAME IS JOHNNY BEHAN? BUT THAT'S CRAZY!
NO TIME FOR COMPLIMENTS TOOTS! YOU BETTER GET READY TO JUMP THIS JOINT ..
"...BEFORE TH S WHOLE PAD COMPLETELY FLIPS!!"
THAT LIGHT! MY EYES CAN'T GRASP WHAT'S HAPPENING...
I-IT LOOKS LIKE THE ENTIRE BUILDING IS FOLDING IN ON ITSELF!!
IT'S STOPPED! EVERYTHING'S BACK TO NORMAL! I HAVE TO GO BACK INSIDE AND FIND JOHN. .
LAY DEAD, LADY! MAYBE EVERYTHING IS REAL GEORGE.. AND MAYBE NOT!!
I MEAN, LIKE, DIDN'T THIS STAIRWAY WIND THE OTHER WAY A MOMENT AGO?
NO WAY, JOSE! THIS IS MY APARTMENT, AND INSIDE I'M GOING TO FIND...
...AN AFRO-AMERICAN PLAYING A SAXOPHONE??
HEY, JOHNNY! WHAT'S SHAKIN', BABY? I DONE BEEN WAILIN' LIKE A FOOL!!
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SOMETHING IS JIVE ABOUT THIS DIVE, LIPS! YOU PIN ANYTHING?
MAN, I'M ALL TORE UP ON MUGGLES! I AIN'T HEP TO NUTTIN'!
HUH? LISTEN, I'M NOT INTO ETHNIC STEREOTYPING, BUT ALL MY C.D.'S ARE GONE, AND .
WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
LATER, BABY! I GOTTA SEE A CAT ABOUT A CONUNDRUM!
B-BUT YOU'RE GOING INTO THE ROOM NEXT DOOR! THAT'S JOHN'S ROOM!
WHO ON EARTH DO YOU EXPECT TO FIND THERE?
ON EARTH?? THIS CAT AIN'T ON TERRA FIRMA, IRMA...HE'S ON CLOUD NINE!!
HIS HANDLE IS GARAB DORJE! HE TAUGHT ME HOW TO BE A NGAGPA...A TIBETAN MAGICIAN ...THEN DIED! WE COMMUNICATE USING THE NECROSPHERE!
NECROSPHERE? I-IS THIS SOME NEW AGE THING?
NEW AGE, GAGE? WHY THIS BABY WAS OLD WHEN MANKIND STILL HAD ALL-OVER GOATEES, SO...HEY, WAIT! HE'S MANIFESTIN'!
GREETINGS, OH INDESTRUCTIBLE JOYFULNESS! LISTEN, SOMETHING WEIRD'S HAPPENING...
...SO CAN YOU CLUE ME IN, DADDY-OH?
HEED ME, JOHNNY BEYOND--THOUGH I'VE FORSAKEN FLESH FOR THIS RAINBOW BODY, I SENSE YOUR DANGER!!
THE SADAK, THIS PLACE'S SPIRIT IS TWISTED IN TIME! YOU MUST FLEE!!
WH-WHAT DID HE SAY?
HE SAYS THIS SCENE IS STRICTLY FROM HUNGER! WE GOTTA MAKE LIKE JACKIE GLEASON'S PANTS AND SPLIT!!
YOU TOO, LIPS! BEAT THEM FEET, BUDDY!
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SURE...JUST HEP ME TO WHAT'S HAPPENIN'! IS THE DIABOLICAL DUGPA BACK TO TRADE LICKS?
ALL I KNOW IS TIME'S GONE CRAZY! LET'S BLOW BEFORE EVERYTHING FLIPS AGAIN!!
WELL, WE MADE IT BUT DIG THOSE CUBES IN THE 'THIRTIES THREADS, FOLLOWING US OUT!
WH-WHAT IS THIS? DON'T YOU PEOPLE KNOW THERE'S A DEPRESSION ON?
BABY, THERE'S ALWAYS A DEPRESSION ON!
JOHNNY, WE GONNA HAVE TIME-TRASH ALL OVER THIS BURG...YOU GOTTA KEEP 'EM INDOORS!
CAN DO, DADDY!
WH-WHAT'S HE DOING? IS THAT SOME INDUSTRIAL LIGHT & MAGIC THING?
BABY, IT'S MORE A TIBETAN WHITE LIGHT & MAGIC THING!
JOHNNY IS LAYIN' HIS TULPA... HIS ECTOPLASMIC DOUBLE...ON THEM CATS, SPOOKIN' 'EM BACK INDOORS SO THEY DON'T GET STRANDED HERE IN 1963!
1963?? Y-YOU MEAN I'M IN THE PAST??
HEY, LIVE FOR THE MOMENT, YOU DIG? NOW ZIP YO' LIP WHILE J.B. REABSORBS HIS TULPA!
IT'S DONE, MAN...
...AND NOT ONE LICK TOO QUICK! THE HOUSE IS FLIPPIN' AGAIN!
WE GOTTA GET JUDY JETSON HERE BACK TO HER OWN TIME BEFORE IT STOPS!
FOLLOW ME, KITTEN! WHEN YOUR FUTURE HOUSE FLIPS INTO PHASE WE'LL JUMP ABOARD!
LIPS, YOU LAY DEAD HERE AND KEEP YOUR PEEPERS PEELED!
GOTCHA, J B !

AND...
SO FAR SO KEEN, GENE! WE LANDED YOU IN THE RIGHT YEAR, JUDGING BY THE CAT ON THE STAIRS. GUESS I MIGHT AS WELL SPLIT...
NOT SO FAST, YOU SOAP-DODGING BOTTOM-FEEDER!
JOHN! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
THIS WELFARE DEADBEAT MUST HAVE DRUGGED ME IN ORDER TO ENSNARE YOU! WHAT WAS IT, YOU CREEP? ECSTACY?
OW! I DON'T PIN NO ECSTACY .BUT, LIKE DIG THE AGONY!
CONFESS! YOU DOPED ME! THAT'S WHY THIS HOUSE LOOKS DISTORTED! THAT'S WHY YOU LOOK LIKE A YOUNGER ME!
OOF! YOU AIN'T FRIED, CLYDE! THIS CRIB IS DISTORTED! IT'S FLIPPING ON ITS AXIS IN TIME!!
SOMEHOW, EVERYTHING GETS REVERSED IN THE FLIP-OVER!
THAT'S WHY YOUR LEFT-HANDED CHICK GOT SICK ON RIGHT-HANDED COFFEE! IT'S MOLECULES WERE BACKWARDS!!
UNNGH!
PLEASE, JOHN! HE'S TELLING THE TRUTH!!
RUBBISH! HE MUST HAVE DRUGGED YOU, TOO! IF HE'S A YOUNGER ME, WHY DON'T I REMEMBER THIS? BESIDES, I NEVER DRESSED THAT WAY!
AGGH!
AND I WAS NEVER CALLED JOHNNY BEYOND! SO...WAIT! THAT WINDOW SHOULD BE ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE ROOM! WHAT'S ?
OUCH! THIS PAD JUST DID A FLOP, POP! WE'RE BOTH GONNA GET TIPPED OUT!

GOOD GRAVY, DAVY!! GUESS I CAN'T BLAME YOU FOR THINKIN' YOU WAS ALL TORE UP!
THIS PLACE SURE LOOKS LIKE SOME CAT SLIPPED THE BENZEDRINE IN MOTHER MURPHEY'S OVALTINE!!
TH-THIS CAN'T BE HAPPENING! WHERE ARE WE??
I GUESS WE'RE NOPLACE, ACE! WE AIN'T JUST BETWEEN TIMES ...WE'RE BETWEEN WORLDS! HOLD STILL NOW! I'LL HAUL US IN!
B-BUT WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
I MEAN MAYBE THIS IS SOME KINDA PARALLEL WORLDS GIG, YOU DIG? YOU DON'T REMEMBER ME 'COS THINGS WENT DIFFERENT ON YOUR EARTH!
S-SO WHAT NOW?
NOW WE TRY JUMPIN' OFF THIS JOINT INTO OUR OWN WORLDS! IF IT STOPS FLIPPING AND STRANDS US...
...WELL, LET'S SAY THINGS WON'T BE EXACTLY EDGAR!

AND, BACK IN THE PRESENT...
LOOKS LIKE THAT CRAZY CAROUSEL THAT USED TO BE ME AND JOHNNY'S CRIB IS STARTIN' TO SLOW DOWN!
IT'S STOPPED... AND THERE'S JOHNNY STOOD IN THE DOORWAY, COOL AS A FOOL!!
HEY,J.B.!! IT'S ME, LIPS! YOU OKAY, BUDDY?
I THOUGHT YOU WAS DEAD, BUT YOU IS LIVE LIKE BIRD! MAN, THINGS WAS SAFER WHEN YOU WAS JUST A CHEAP HOODLUM!
I...I MESSED UP...
HEY, COOL IT BABY! YOU DELIVERED THAT GONE CHICK TO HER OWN ZONE AND GOT YO'SELF BACK, SO WHY COMPLAIN, DUANE?
MAN, YOU LOOK BEAT!
C'MON, WE'LL GRAB SOME JOE AND A SINKER AND YOU'LL BE BACK TO THE OLD JOHNNY BEYOND!!
B-BEYOND..?
I-I LOST HIM! MY NAME'S JOHN BEHAN...
HOLY SMOKES! Y-YOU AIN'T FOOLIN'! MAN, YOU IS A WHOLE OTHER CAT!
B-BUT IF YOU BE BEHAN AND YOU BE HERE...
"...THEN WHERE BE JOHNNY BEYOND??"
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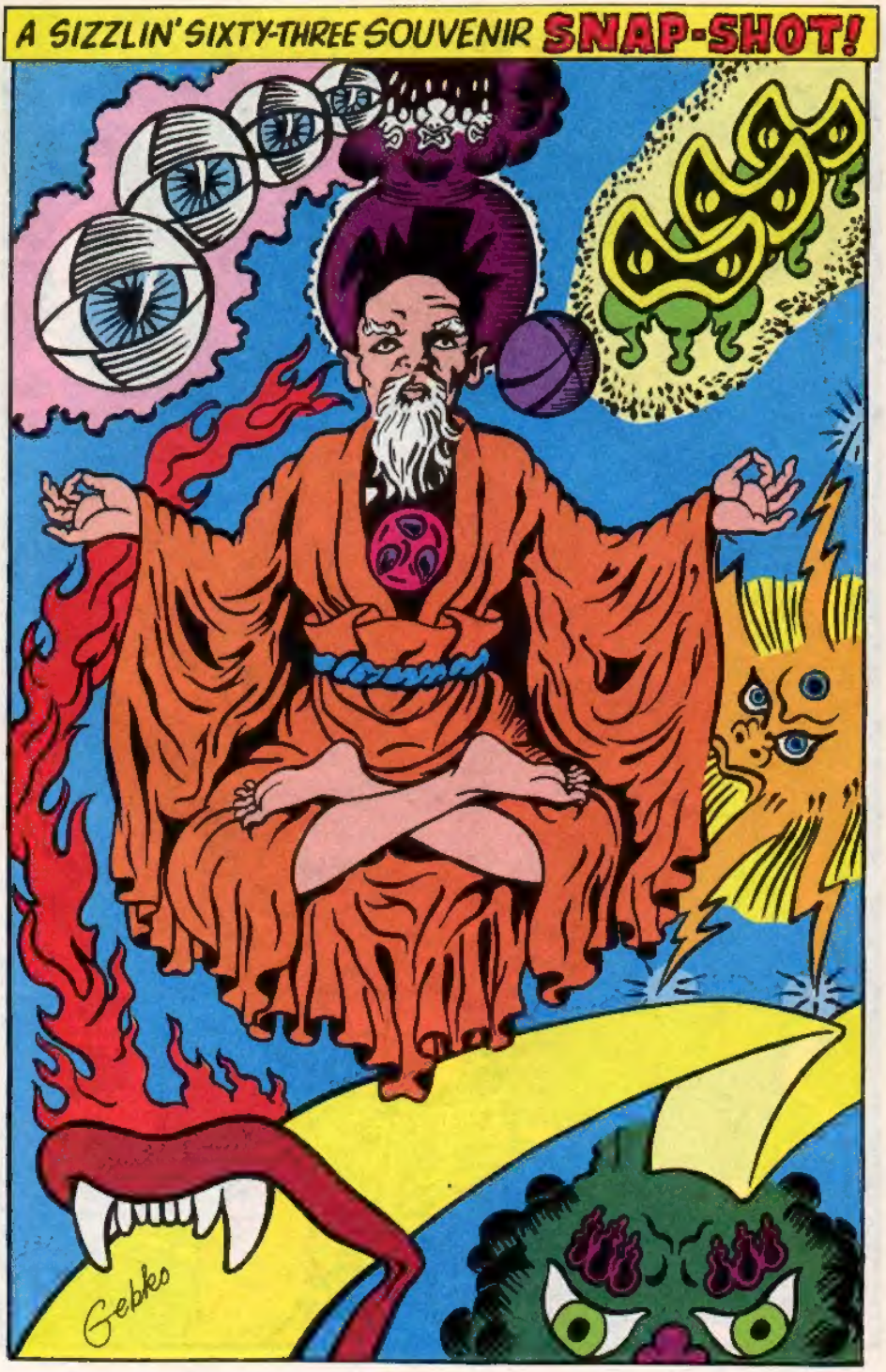
WHERE INDEED, WAYFARERS?? ALL WE'RE SAYIN' IS WAIT AND SEE!! MEANWHILE, BE BACK HERE NEXT ISH FOR MORE MYSTICAL MEANDERINGS WITH HORUS, LORD OF LIGHT!! --SAY NO MORE!!

A SIZZLIN' SIXTY-THREE SOUVENIR SNAP-SHOT!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